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Experience

Executive Director, Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs
July 2016 to present

Executive Director of 52 year old litigation and advocacy program addressing racial equity, civil rights, and anti-poverty issues related to housing, employment, education, disability, criminal justice, and immigration and refugees.

Associate Dean, Experiential and Clinical Programs, Associate Professor of Law, University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law
April 2015 to May 2016

Responsible for leadership of experiential learning program including nine clinics, mandatory community service and service learning program. The Law School requires each student to complete two seven credit clinics to graduate as well as forty hours of community service.

Chief, Special Litigation Section, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice
November 2010 to April 2015

Led Section of more than 50 lawyers working on complex civil rights investigations and litigation across the nation. The Special Litigation Section brings cases to remedy patterns or practices of civil rights violations in correctional and health care institutions; by law enforcement and juvenile justice systems; and to prevent the unnecessary institutionalization of persons with disabilities. Among other significant cases, the Section produced the report on the Ferguson, Missouri Police Department. Member of the Senior Executive Service.

Executive Director, Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia
May 2002 to November 2010

Directed 30 lawyer legal services program. Legal Aid provides representation and assistance to thousands of District residents living in poverty on a broad range of legal issues. In addition to direct representation, program staff works for policy and legislative reform and participates in impact litigation.

Executive Director, Public Justice Center
September 1998 to May 2002

Directed Baltimore-based civil rights and anti-poverty public interest law firm. The Public Justice Center engages in impact litigation and policy advocacy on poverty and civil rights issues throughout Maryland.

Executive Director: D.C. Prisoners' Legal Services Project, Inc.

September 1991 to August 1998

Staff Attorney

June 1989 to September 1991

Directed public interest law firm specializing in prisoners' civil rights litigation. D.C. Prisoners' Legal Services Project engages in class action and individual constitutional litigation, and local legislative advocacy.

Associate: Victor M. Glasberg and Associates

October 1984 to June 1989

General litigation practice with an emphasis on civil rights, prisoners' rights and criminal defense.

Education

University of Maine at Orono, Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, 1980

Antioch School of Law, Juris Doctor, 1984

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia, Virginia (inactive)

Civic and Professional Involvement

Chair, Panel Elijah McClain Critical Incident Review, Aurora, Colorado (August 2020 to present)

Member, Expert Review Panel, Fort Worth Police Department (January 2020 to present)

Member, American Law Institute (2010 to present)

Member, District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission (2005-2010; 2015 to present)

Honors and Awards

Exponent Award -- Agnes & Eugene Meyer Foundation, 2010

President's Award -- Washington Council of Lawyers, November 2006

Excellence in Chief Executive Leadership Award -- Center for Non-Profit Advancement, November 2006

Justice Potter Stewart Award -- Council for Court Excellence, May 4, 2006

Advocate for Justice -- University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law, May 13, 2005

Director's Award – Executive Office of the United States Attorneys, 2014 (for work on the Seattle Police Department Litigation)

John Marshall Award – United States Attorney General, 2014 (for work to protect the Sixth Amendment right to counsel)

William J. Brennan, Jr. Award, D.C. Bar, 2017

Selected Publications and Papers

J. Smith, Don't Turn Schools into a Police State, Opinion, Washington Post, March 23, 2018

J. Smith, Sessions Doesn't Want to Investigate Police. Here's Why We need To., Opinion, Washington Post, March 10, 2017

Seizing the Fierce Urgency of Now in Police Reform, Human Rights Magazine, American Bar Association (Vol. 42, issue 1)

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J. Smith, Policing After Scalia; He thought the Fourth Amendment protected property, not people, The Marshall Project, February 17, 2016

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P. Edelman & J. Smith, Rationing Justice: The Needs Is Up and the Money Is Down, Washington Lawyer, Vol. 24, No. 7 (March 2010)

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W. Henderson & J. Smith, The Right to Counsel and Civil Rights: An Opportunity to Broaden the Debate, *40 Clearinghouse Review* 210 (July/August 2006)

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J. Smith, There Should Be No Price Tag on Justice, Mr. Chief Justice, *Washington Lawyer*, Vol. 19, No. 10 (December 2005)

Address, National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts Conference, April 15, 2004

J. Smith, Community in Need: Securing Equal Access to Justice, *Washington Lawyer*, Volume 17, No 9 (May 2003)

J. Smith, Closing the Courthouse Door on Maryland's Poor, *Maryland Bar Journal*, Vol. XXXIV, No. 4 (July/August 2001)

J. Smith, Color and Mortgages, *Baltimore Sun Op-Ed*, May 30, 2000

J. Smith, The District of Columbia Revitalization Act and Criminal Justice: The Federal Government's Assault on Local Authority, *4 Dist. Col. L. Rev.* 77 (Spring 1998)

J. Smith, The D.C. Rescue Plan: Punishing the City's Criminal Justice System?, *Washington Lawyer*, Vol. 12, No. 1 (September/October 1997)

M. DeFrank & J. Smith, Starting at a Disadvantage, *Washington Post Close to Home Opinion*, June 1, 1997

J. Smith, Sentenced to Private Prison, *Washington Post Letter to the Editor*, September 21, 1997

J. Smith, Cruel and Unusual Punishment, *Washington Post Close to Home Opinion*, April 21, 1996

J. Smith, Spread of TB Poses Danger to Prisoners and Staff, *10 National Prison Project Journal* 1 (Spring 1995)

J. Smith, Enforcing Corrections Related Court Orders in the District of Columbia, *2 Dist. Col. L. Rev.* 237 (Spring 1994)

J. Smith, Appointment of Counsel in Civil Case in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, *Management Information Exchange Journal*, vol. VIII, no. 1 March 1994. (Reprinted in the *Washington Lawyer*, Vol. 9, No. 2 (November/December 1994))

J. Smith, Inadequate Care for the Incarcerated, *Washington Post Close to Home Opinion*, August 9, 1992

J. Smith, Overview of the Crisis in the District of Columbia's Correctional System, in *Cold, Harsh, and Unending Resistance: The District of Columbia Government's Hidden War Against its Poor and its Homeless*, Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless (1993)